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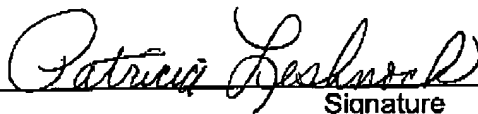
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REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In a communication mailed January 4, 2005 pursuant to 35 USC 121, the Examiner required the Applicant to elect one of three disclosed species for continued prosecution on the merits. A shortened period for response was set to expire one (1) month from the mailing date, i.e., on February 4, 2005.

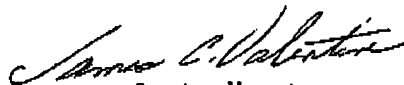
In response thereto, and provided that no generic claim is finally held to be patentable, the Applicant hereby elects the third species, i.e., the embodiment wherein the power level is varied

substantially continuously based on F_Q and $F_{\Delta H}$. In addition, and provided that no generic claim is finally held patentable, the Applicant elects the embodiment wherein the power level adjustment is based on a closed loop system.

The Applicant submits that Claims 12-13 read upon the elected embodiments.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required by 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 as a result of this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-0947.

Respectfully submitted,


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